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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on October 07, 2004 has been entered. No claims have been amended. No claims have been canceled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-23 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 12, 13, and 23 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Cannon et al (US 6,760,413), in view of Horrer (US 6,647,107).
3. In regards to claims 1, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 22, and 23, Cannon discloses a communications call system (telephone system 110), apparatus, and method comprising: a telecommunication device (callee ID telephone 210); associated with said telecommunication device, call-processing means for processing a call, having an input-output port for transmitting call signals to said telecommunications device; associated with said call-processing means, sensing means (detector/receiver 13 and callee

related information transmitter 130) for providing real-time information signals indicative of real-time activity proximate said call-processing means, wherein said call-processing means conveys said information signals to a caller (calling party) on a call into said input-output port (Abstract, col. 2 lines 21-32, col. 3 lines 10-34, and col. 5 lines 21-26). Cannon, however, does not disclose call-processing means conveying said information signals to a caller on a call into said input-output port prior to putting the call through to said telecommunications device. Horrер, however, does disclose call-processing means conveying information signals to a caller (e.g. busy or no answer) on a call into said input-output port prior to putting the call through to said telecommunications device (col. 4 lines 19-38). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ this feature into the system, as a way of informing the caller/calling party of the status of called party prior to connecting the call. This process saves the caller/calling party time, by not putting them through to a line that is busy, is a wrong number, or one in which the called party is simply not at the destination at the current time.

4. In regards to claim 2, Cannon discloses the system, further comprising: connected to said call-processing means, an incoming call line and an outgoing call line; connected to the incoming line, a call router (central office 14); a plurality of location-identifiable telecommunications devices connected to the incoming line via the router; and accessible to said router, a database (local call related information 187) having real-time information representative of current proximity of individuals to each of said telecommunications devices. Cannon, however, does not disclose said router providing

said real-time information signals back to the caller to a specific one of said telecommunications devices prior to routing a call thereto. Horrер, however, does disclose said router providing said real-time information signals back to the caller to a specific one of said telecommunications devices prior to routing a call thereto (col. 4 lines 19-38).

5. In regards to claims 4 and 15, Cannon discloses the system and method, wherein said real-time information is at least one photograph image (col. 5 lines 27-34).

6. In regards to claims 5, 6, 14, and 16, Cannon discloses the system and method, wherein said real-time information is audio playback of current persons in proximity to said telecommunications device (col. 5 lines 27-34).

7. Cannon discloses all of claims 7 and 17 limitations, except the system and method, further comprising: means for authenticating identity of said caller prior to said call-processing means conveying said information signals to said caller on a call into said input-output port. Horrер, however, does disclose the system and method, further comprising: means for authenticating identity of said caller prior to said call-processing means conveying said information signals to said caller on a call into said input-output port (col. 4 lines 19-38).

8. Cannon discloses all of claims 8, 9, 18, 19, 20, and 21 limitations, except the system and method, further comprising: means for providing said caller with a plurality of options for further action following receipt of said real-time information. Horrер, however, does disclose the system and method, further comprising: means for providing

said caller with a plurality of options (e.g. hold or be forwarded to voicemail) for further action following receipt of said real-time information (col. 5 lines 63-66).

Conclusion


9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Stelter et al (US 6,690,785) teach a system a method for providing called party information for centralized telephone service.

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

11. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

12. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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